

## CISF PLANS TO SEND TEAM TO EVEREST AFTER 1ST WOMAN OFFICER SCALES IT

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**NEW DELHI:** A Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) spokesperson said on Tuesday that the force plans to send a mountaineering team to Mount Everest in 2026, a day after a woman sub-inspector posted at the Udaipur airport became the first woman from the paramilitary force to scale the world's tallest peak.

Sub inspector Geeta Samot is a resident of Chak village in Rajasthan's Sikar district.

"Geeta stood on the 'roof of the world', a triumphant moment symbolising not just a personal victory, but the incredible resilience and strength fostered within the CISF and the Indian nation," the spokesperson said in a statement on Tuesday.

The statement added: "Furthering her accomplishment, CISF also plans to send a full CISF Mountaineering Team to scale Mount Everest (8848m) in 2026."

CISF officials said Samota had joined the force in 2011 and was selected for a six-week basic mountaineering course in 2015 at the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) training institute in Auli and later completed an advanced mountaineering course in 2017.

According to CISF, between 2021 and 2022, the woman sub inspector summited four peaks — Mount Kosciuszko (2,228 metres) in Australia, Mount Elbrus (5,642 metres) in Russia, Mount Kilimanjaro (5,895 metres) in Tanzania, and Mount Aconcagua (6,961 metres) — conquering four of the seven highest summits in each continent — in a span of just six months and 27 days, making her the fastest Indian woman to do so.